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Preface

Steven Cole Kleene was born in Hartford, Connecticut on January 5, 1909 and died in Madison, Wisconsin on January 25, 1994. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Amherst college in 1930, and took his doctorate under Alzono Church at Princeton in 1934. He joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin in 1935, and remained there for the rest of his life. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945. He received many academic honors, including election to the National Academy of Sciences. Biographical details will be found in "The Kleene Symposium", North-Holland, 1980 (Jon Barwise, H. Jerome Keisler, Kenneth Kunen, eds.), held in honor of his 70th birthday. An appreciation of his mathematical work, written by J. Schoenfield, appears in the *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, Vol. 1, No. 1, March 1995, 8–43.

Professor Kleene was a principal founder of the theory of recursive functions, along with Church, Gödel, Post, Rosser, and Turing. Virtually everything he published in the long span of years from 1934 to 1980 was fundamental and has become a standard tool in the subject. He was a major source of inspiration to everyone contributing to recursive function theory. The editors themselves are indebted to him both technically and personally over many, many years. This volume, consisting of papers by some of his friends, is dedicated to the memory of an original mathematician and an estimable human being.

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